by private parties has now been allowed for captive use in the steel power and cement sector.

Accidents and deaths in Coal Mines

1202. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed and injured in the accidents in coal mines in the country during the last 5 years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is any improvement of safety measures taken;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount of compensations paid in respect of the deceased and the injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The number of persons killed and injured in accidents in coal mines in Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) in the last five years year-wise is given below:—

Year	No. of fatalities		No. of serious injuries	
	CIL	SCCL	CIL	SCCL
1993	132	31	461	270
1994	131*	50	673	254
1995	115**	21	612	191
1996	110	29	505	147
1997	112	35	437	125

* Excluding 55 fatelities in the New kenda disaster

** Excluding 77 fatalities in the Gaslitand disaster.

(b) The following measures are being taken to further improve the safety of coal mines:

(i) Constant and continuous monitoring of safety is being done through monthly minewise reports of Safety Status and regular review of safety performance of each subsidiary company at CIL level coordination meetings with the Chief General manager (S)/ General Manager(S).

(ii) Special Safety Audit of all mines of CIL has been done and action plans are drawn up for corrective action in the cases where these are indicated.

(iii) Surprise inspections are being carried out by officers of Internal Safety Organisation to check the safety status with special attention in the areas of roof support and operation of opencast machinery. ISO at subsidiary company level are doing like-wise.

This has now been supplemented with surprise inspections by a high power sub-committee of the CIL. Safety Board comprising Trade union representatives an experienced mining engineer and representatives of CIL and subsidiary companies.

(iv) Soruces of danger as revealed by inspections accident enquiry reports, Safety Audits and monthly reports from subsidiary companies on the Safety Status of each and

every mine are being brought to the attention of the Chiefs of ISO of subsidiary companies.

(v) Officers of CIL Safety Division are making fact finding inquiries in cases of fatal accidents and dangerious occurrences and advising the mine officials on action to be taken for averting such eventualities in future.

(vi) Intensive monitoring of implementation of the recommendations of the Conferences on Safety in mines and decisions taken in Standing Committee on Safety as well as CIL Safety Board is being continued vigorously.

(c) Not applicable in view of reply to para (b) of the Question.

(d) Compensation paid in these five years is as under:—

Year	Compensation paid (in Rs. Lakhs)	
	CIL*	SCCL
1993	90.18	304.31
1994	147.93	296.22
1995	138.92	290.70
1996	128.12	379.33
1997	157.67	380.18

* Paid to deceased families

Dispute between CIL and GSEB

1203. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any long pending dispute between the CIL and Gujarat State Electricity Board over payment of coal bills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) steps so far taken by Government to resolve the dispute between CIL and GSEB; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by Coal India Limited (CIL), the long pending dispute between Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) and CIL are mainly related to Quality of coal and Interest on delayed payment. In order to resolve the dispute over payment of coal bills, a meeting was held between Chairman, Gujarat State Electricity Board and Chairman-cum-managing Director, South Eastern Coalfields Limited on 20.11.95 in which the principles for settlement of claims of coal company and power houses were finalised. The coal company applied this formula in settling claims of GEB which has not been accepted by GEB.

Accordingly GEB has been advised to depute a team of senior officers to Coal Companies to sort out the claims of coal companies and the counter claims of GEB.

(c) and (d) An umpire has been appointed by the Government to resolve the dispute between CIL and GEB. the Umpire has since given his awards. Coal India Ltd. is quantifying the dues of coal companies on the basis of priciples set out by the Umpire in his award.

Joint ventures in mining

1204. SHRI V.P. DURAISWAMY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) which are the mines under the purview of National Mineral Development Corporation in the country; and

(b) the number of mines that have gone in for or have been earmarked for joint venture projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Mines under the preview of National Mineral Development